

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A processor-readable medium embodying a set of instructions that, when read by a programmable processor of a first computing device, result in the processor performing a process, the process comprising:

collecting, by the first computing device, media files and meta data information describing the media files, so that the media files' content is available for experiencing by a user at the first computing device;

receiving, by the first computing device, a request from a second computing device, the request comprising a request for at least some of the meta data information collected at the first computing device;

communicating, by the first computing device, to the second computing device the requested meta data information and an identifier for each media file described by the requested meta data information, the identifier uniquely identifying the media file;

receiving, by the first computing device, from the second computing device a request to transfer a media file selected by the user at the second computing device, the request including the identifier of the selected media file; and

transmitting, by the first computing device, the requested media file to the second computing device as a stream, so that the user is able to select from the media files available to the user at the first computing device one or more media files to be experienced by the user at the second computing device.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 1, wherein the identifier is a uniform resource identifier.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises communicating to a remote server a wide area network (WAN) address to be used to connect to the process over the WAN.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 3, wherein the process further comprises determining whether a connection can be established with the process via the WAN.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises configuring a network address translation (NAT) router to enable the process to receive communications from a wide area network (WAN).

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises automatically discovering other devices connected to the first computing device, the other devices having media files available for experiencing by the user.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 6, wherein the process reports to the remote server information on the other instances of the process discovered by the process.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 6, wherein the process further comprises receiving, by the first computing device, a request from one of the other devices for the first computing device to transmit a media file as a stream to the one of the other device.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 1, wherein the process further comprises searching the first computing device for media files and storing meta data describing the located media files.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 9, wherein the searching for media files further comprises searching devices connected to the first computing device for media files.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 1, wherein the process further comprising transmitting one stream at a time.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A processor-readable medium embodying a set of stored instructions that, when read by a programmable processor at a local computing device, result[[s]] in the processor performing:[[:]]

connecting to an agent process executing at a remote computing device;

receiving from the agent process information and an identifier for each media file available for experiencing by a user using the remote computing device, the identifier uniquely identifying the media file;

receiving at least one media file selection by a user using the information received from the agent process;

transmitting to the agent process a request for the media file selection as a stream; and

receiving from the remote computing device's agent process the requested media file, so that the user is able to select from the media files available to the user at the remote computing device one or more media files to be experienced by the user at the local computing device.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The medium of claim 12, wherein the unique identifier comprises a uniform resource identifier (URI).

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 12, wherein the process further comprises transmitting, to the agent process, a request for information describing media files available for streaming to the client process.

Claims 15-17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The medium of claim 12, wherein the process further comprises:

connecting over a wide area network (WAN) to a central server;

authenticating with the central server using an identifier associated with the agent process;

obtaining from the central server a WAN address for the agent process; and

connecting to the agent process using the WAN address.